

**House File 601 - Introduced**

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BY SMITH

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the payment of a monthly stipend for a  
2 veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran who resides at the  
3 Iowa veterans home.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35D.11A Monthly stipend.

2 The Iowa veterans home and the department of human services  
3 shall adopt rules to provide for the payment of a monthly  
4 stipend of twenty-five dollars on behalf of a veteran or a  
5 surviving spouse of a veteran who is eligible for medical  
6 assistance, resides at the Iowa veterans home, and does not  
7 have a spouse or minor child. The stipend shall be deposited  
8 in the bank account for members' deposits established pursuant  
9 to section 35D.12, and shall be credited to a member's personal  
10 account. The rules shall provide that the monthly amount is  
11 exempt from client participation and is not considered income  
12 to the veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill directs the Iowa veterans home and the department  
17 of human services to adopt rules to provide for the payment of  
18 a monthly stipend of \$25 on behalf of a veteran or a surviving  
19 spouse of a veteran who is eligible for medical assistance,  
20 resides at the Iowa veterans home, and does not have a spouse  
21 or minor child. The stipend is to be deposited in the bank  
22 account for members' deposits established by the Iowa veterans  
23 home and is to be credited to a member's personal account.  
24 The rules are to provide that the monthly amount is exempt  
25 from client participation and is not considered income to the  
26 veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.